1142 Chamberlain Highway - Was  High Road

1776

Ezra Scoville (1748-1821) Revolutionary War soldier & blacksmith  & Abubah Gridley (1751-)

colonial

1935 Susqui-Centennial Celebration of the Town of Berlin – Berlin Old Houses.

1776  Ezra Scoville  present owner:  Antoni Lukasiewicz  High Road  l

1985 Townwide Historic and Architectural Survey of Berlin, Connecticut.  Survey # 013

1790  Ezra Scoville  present owner:  Stephen and Katherine Kearns

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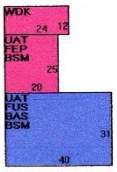
1780  present owner:  Stephen and Katherine Kearns  colonial

Sketch




Genealogy

Ezra Scoville was born in 1748 in Middletown, CT, the son of William and Ruth (Webb) Scoville.  He served in the Revolutionary War as part of Steper's Company of Light horse regiment as a trumpeter.  He was a blacksmith.  He married Azubah Gridley in 1779.  Azubah was born in 1751, the daughter of Amos and Azubah (Orvin) Gridley.  Ezra and Azubah married in 1779.  They had children including Fanny and Azubah.  Azubah died in 1803 and is buried in the South Burying Ground.  Ezra died in 1821 and is buried in the South Burying Ground.

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**
**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**
HIST-6 NEW 5/77

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
**CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
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Town No.: | Site No.:
UTM:
QUAD:
DISTRICT ☐ S ☐ NR | IF NR, SPECIFY ☐ Actual ☐ Potential

## IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)

2. TOWN CITY: Berlin | VILLAGE | COUNTY: Hartford

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location): 908 Chamberlain Highway 14-3/13/17

4. OWNER(S): Stephen Jr. & Gladys Klotz, " " Kensington 06037 ☐ Public ☒ Private

5. USE (Present): Residence (Historic): Residence

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD ☒ Yes ☐ No | INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE ☐ Yes ☒ No | IF YES, EXPLAIN

## DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Victorian Vernacular | DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1885

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)
☒ Clapboard ☐ Asbestos Siding ☒ Brick foundation ☐ Other (Specify)
☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Asphalt Siding ☐ Fieldstone
☐ Board & Batten ☐ Stucco ☐ Cobblestone
☐ Aluminum Siding ☐ Concrete Type: ☐ Cut stone Type:

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
☒ Wood frame ☐ Post and beam ☐ balloon
☐ Load bearing masonry ☐ Structural iron or steel
☐ Other (Specify)

10. ROOF (Type)
☒ Gable ☐ Flat ☐ Mansard ☐ Monitor ☐ sawtooth
☐ Gambrel ☐ Shed ☐ Hip ☐ Round ☐ Other (Specify)

(Material)
☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Roll Asphalt ☐ Tin ☐ Slate ☐ Gable end to the street
☒ Asphalt shingle ☐ Built up ☐ Tile ☐ Other (Specify) ☒ Ridge parallel to the street

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2 | APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 43' x 26'

12. CONDITION (Structural): ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated | (Exterior): ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location): ☒ On original site ☐ Moved | WHEN? | (Alterations): ☐ Yes ☒ No | IF YES, EXPLAIN

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES
☐ Barn ☐ Shed ☐ Garage ☐ Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
☐ Carriage house ☐ Shop ☐ Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT
☐ Open land ☐ Wood-land ☒ Residential ☐ Scattered buildings visible from site
☐ Commercial ☐ Indus-trial ☐ Rural ☒ High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
In an area of Chamberlain with many 19th century houses.

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PHOTO

PHOTOGRAPHER: HRC
DATE: 11/84
VIEW: NW
NEGATIVE ON FILE: G16

COMPILATION

NAME: Historic Resource Consultants
DATE: 12/84
ORGANIZATION: The Colt Armory
ADDRESS: 55 Van Dyke Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

The house has a five-bay facade and a central entry with side and transom lights. The door jambs are treated as narrow molded pilasters; to either side of the entry are wide panels with molded edges. The entry is protected by a Colonial Revival shelter on slender Tuscan columns. First-floor windows are fitted with 6-over-6 sash and have later molded surrounds (affixed with modern nails); second-floor windows have 12-over-12 sash and are located high under the cornice, which is currently being repaired. Modern siding is currently being removed to reveal beaded corner boards and clapboards secured with hand-wrought nails; the regular spacing of the nails indicates that the clapboards are nailed directly to the studs. On the left elevation is a side entry, now used as a large fixed-pane window with a trabeated (continued)

SIGNIFICANCE

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Although it lacks the hewn overhangs generally found in 18th-century Berlin houses, this dwelling was almost certainly built before 1800. The presence of old four-ranked sash, the beaded corner boards, the hand-wrought nails, the apparent lack of sheathing under the clapboards, and the side entry on the warmer south (left) elevation are all 18th-century features. Although the house has undergone a number of alterations, it retains a large amount of its historic fabric.

The early history of the house is uncertain; it may have been built by Ezra Scovel (also seen as Scoville) about 1790.

SOURCES

Berlin Land Records
Communication with owner

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
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Item number: _____ Date: 12/84

Ezra Scoville House (?)

17. (continued):

surround. This entry surround has plain pilasters with molded capitals, a plain frieze, and a simple molded cap. Both side elevations have single attic lights; the light on the right elevation has old 12-over-12 sash. To the rear is an old or original extension with a gambrel roof, a massive central chimney, and 8-over-12 sash.

Interiors are largely original. First and second floors have a five-room plan. There are three fireplaces in each of the two front rooms on the first floor. The left room has a paneled fireplace wall with a chimney cupboard and closet; the right has a denticulate mantel with fluted pilasters. The middle rear room on the first floor has another paneled fireplace wall; on the second floor, this room has an elaborate mantel. Original horsehair plaster survives throughout.

The house has an old or original left-rear ell. The ell has a gambrel roof, old 8-over-12 sash, and a large rear chimney. A partial paneled fireplace wall survives inside.